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1. This communication is responsive to amendments and arguments filed 1/23/07.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 14,61-63 and 67-77, now renumbered as 1-15.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
 of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
 Paper No./Mail Date 3/6/07
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

Examiner's amendment

1. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Monica Chin Kitts on March 08, 2007.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In Claims

3. Claim 14 has been amended as follows:

In claim 14, line 1, replace the word "Method", with the words --A method--.

In claim 14, line 6, after the words "in a test area", insert the words --on the solid phase--.

4. Claim 61 has been amended as follows:

In claim 61, line 1, replace the word "Method", with the words --The method--.

5. Claim 62 has been amended as follows:

Replace claim 62 with: --The method of claim 14 further comprises the step of blocking the solid phase with an analyte-unspecific or inert biomolecules during or after immobilization of said preformed conjugate to said solid phase to reduce unspecific binding.--

6. Claim 63 has been amended as follows:

In claim 63, line 1, replace the word "Method", with the words --The method--.

7. Claim 68 has been amended as follows:

In claim 68, line 2, replace the words "analyte specific reactant", with the words -- preformed conjugate--.

In claim 68, line 3, before the words "incubated with an alkylene oxide modified", insert --further--.

In claim 68, line 3, after the words "incubated with an alkylene oxide modified", insert the words --analyte-unspecific--.

8. Claim 73 has been amended as follows:

In claim 73, replace the words "an alkylene oxide modified analyte specific reactant is used in combination with and an alkylene oxide", with the words --the preformed conjugate is immobilized in the presence of an alkylene oxide modified analyte-unspecific--.

In Specification

9. Specification (filed 11/2/1998) has been amended as follows:

In specification, page 1, after the title, insert the following:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims foreign priority to GERMANY Application 19748489.1 filed November 03, 1997.

Conclusion

10. Claims 14, 61-63 and 67-77, now renumbered as 1-15 are allowed.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shafiqul Haq whose telephone number is 571-272-6103. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long V. Le can be reached on 571-272-0823. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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